



2019

### APPLICATION FOR HOST FAMILIES FOR STUDENTS FROM OKAYAMA COMING TO SAN JOSE

**Dates:** HOMESTAY STUDENTS FROM OKAYAMA TO SAN JOSE 2019

Proposed dates: dinner July 30, 2019 to breakfast August 5, 2019

(Students would be in their homestays beginning July 30<sup>th</sup> after our 'Welcome' event and dropped off by 9am at a designated site on August 5<sup>th</sup>.)

*Please fill out ALL the information on the form and email back to [sjokayama1957@gmail.com](mailto:sjokayama1957@gmail.com)*

*If you have questions, please write them in the text of the email and check the box that says "I have questions!" on the form.*

#### YOUR INFORMATION PLEASE:

Name:

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

# & Street \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ CA, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children/students living at home & names \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_

Ages/ear in school?: \_\_\_\_\_

Any pets/animals (in case of student's allergies) Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what kind? (cat/dog/bird/snake, etc & how many?) \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: very few people are allergic to fish in a tank, but may not be okay with a snake!

Do you speak Japanese? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ If so- at what level? \_\_\_\_\_

If not – it's not necessary, but may be helpful if you know a little of the culture & language

What are your (or your children's) favorite things to do? Any hobbies? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your favorite foods? \_\_\_\_\_ What foods can't you eat? \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you have a car available for the entire homestay visit? Y/N

Your Okayama homestay student will need you to provide 3 meals a day through the entire visit. Is this OK for you? Yes or No

You will be responsible for taking your Okayama homestay student to events and places with you in your family life, so that they can find out what life is like in San Jose. Is this OK with you? Y/N

You will be responsible for showing your Okayama homestay student places in & around San Jose and make sure they are safe at all times. Is this OK with you? Y/N

You must agree to adhere to the requirements put upon you with the program by 1) the City of Okayama, Okayama Prefecture, Japan & San Jose-Okayama Sister Cities, San Jose, CA, USA

I have questions! Please read my email!

I AGREE: (←check if YES)

Print name )

(signature) Date:

You will receive an email from [sjokayama1957@gmail.com](mailto:sjokayama1957@gmail.com) to let you know that your application has been received. Keep this email address in your address book as further communication will be sent to you from this address. A planned meeting of host families will take place at a site TBD before the students arrive, once we have further information.

We appreciate your desire to be involved in this program. Don't forget to ask your questions now!

Cheers! & Good Luck!



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### **Additional information about students coming from Okayama:**

They will all be Jr. High school age students. This being said, students from Okayama have always been Jr. High age throughout the 60-year relationship between our two cities. Keep in mind that in Japan, even young elementary school students are expected to be able to take care of themselves. However, they will need your help as the cultural differences between the USA and Japan are rather huge! In Japan, everyone takes care of the children. Childcare is not readily available to working families, so the community tends to be aware of the needs of the children. Please and Thank you are always important and should be supported and encouraged.

Academic levels of Jr. High school students in Japan compare with our high school levels. This is not meant to elevate or diminish either country, it is just fact, especially in math and the sciences. All students will have had some exposure to English language classes. However, they do not know how we speak and use English here in the USA. It's much like us thinking we know about Japan because we may have watched some movies or anime or read some manga!

It will be necessary to be understanding, kind and gentle with them. But do not be fooled, many of these students may have had experience traveling to other places in the world already!

There will be more information soon, so please do allow yourselves to get excited about this opportunity! Many good connections have happened over the years – some lasting almost as long as the sister city relationship itself!

Again, any questions, please email: <sjokayama1957@gmail.com>

Domo Arigatou gozaimasu!

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